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MEMORANDUM FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

SUBJECT: Student Welcome Packet, Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC)

1. Welcome to the SSG John W. Kreckel Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Primary Leadership Development Course. This student guide will give you an overview of what to expect while attending PLDC. I have included prescribed policies, objectives and procedures for all students to follow while attending PLDC.

2. This course is non-MOS specific, taught in a live-in environment using classroom instruction with practical application, followed by hands-on, performance-oriented training conducted in a field training environment, culminating with an extensive field training exercise (FTX). Small Group Leaders (SGLs) assess the students' leadership potential and evaluate their ability to apply lessons learned and effectively lead their classmates in a tactical environment.

3. To become effective leaders, you must first obtain knowledge and develop the self-confidence to accomplish any task or mission. You must wear the uniform with strict attention to detail and reflect a positive, professional image. We will place you in these conditions daily. It is your responsibility to achieve and maintain these standards.

4. The objectives of the PLDC are to graduate students who:

- a. Are technically and tactically proficient
- b. Make sound decisions
- c. Plan correctly
- d. Follow the professional Army ethic
- e. Communicate effectively
- f. Teach and counsel
- g. Apply soldier-team development

5. Section I, General Information, outlines the course prerequisites all soldiers must meet prior to enrollment. Additionally, I have included the course graduation requirements. Pay particular attention to these documents. Meeting these prerequisites and requirements will ensure your success at PLDC.

6. The entire Academy staff and cadre join me in wishing you success during your attendance at the Primary Leadership Development Course. You will find your time at the Academy personally challenging and professionally rewarding.

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Commandant